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TAGS: PLOS, MILL, FR, PINR  
SUBJECT: SOSUS AND LOS: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: STATE 112275

SUMMARY. AS INSTRUCTED I CONVEYED REFTEL POINTS ON  
SOSUS TO FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD.  
THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED THE POSITIVE RESPONSE, SAID  
IT WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT RE THE LOS, BUT REITE-  
RATED FRENCH DESIRES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.  
ACTION REQUESTED: THE NAME OF A CONTACT AT THE WHITE  
HOUSE TO WHOM THE FRENCH CAN REFER, REQUESTED BY THE  
FOREIGN MINISTER "WITHIN SEVERAL DAYS." END SUMMARY.

1. AS INSTRUCTED BY REFTEL, I SAW FOREIGN MINISTER DE  
GUIRINGAUD EVENING OF MAY 18 AND PRESENTED THE POINTS  
ON SOSUS AND LOS. I TOLD HIM THAT THE SECRETARY HAD  
ASKED ME TO RELAY THESE TO HIM. AFTER NOTING THE  
MAY 4TH WORKING LEVEL EXCHANGE, I SAID THAT AS THE  
MINISTER IS AWARE, PRESIDENT CARTER AFFIRMED TO PRESI-  
DENT GISCARD IN LONDON OUR INTENTION TO CONTINUE SENSI-  
TIVE COOPERATION. THE US CAN CONFIRM THE TWO ASSURAN-  
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CES OF THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION: THAT THE US DOES  
NOT DEPLOY SOSUS IN THE FRENCH 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE  
AND WILL NOT DO SO WITHOUT CONSULTATION.

2. I TOLD GUIRINGAUD THAT IN LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING,  
WE EXPECT THAT AT THE LOS CONFERENCE FRANCE WILL NOT  
SUPPORT THE MEXICAN AMENDMENT PROHIBITING EMPLACEMENT

OF LISTENING DEVICES ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF WITHOUT  
CONSENT OF THE COASTAL STATES. THIS AMENDMENT COIULD  
DEGRADE AND HANDICAP OUR ASW CAPABILITY AND THUS BE  
DAMAGING TO OUR MUTUAL SECURITY. I CONCLUDED THAT WE  
WOULD LIKE ANY FURTHER CONTACTS OR QUERIES IN THIS  
AREA PLACED IN THE SAME CHANNEL AS SENSITIVE COOPERA-  
TION, THAT IS, ADDRESSED TO THE WHITE HOUSE WHICH WILL  
SERVE AS THE CENTER FOR COORDINATION ON THIS.

3. GUIRINGAUD RESPONDED THAT HE TOOK NOTE OF THE US  
POINTS, BUT SAID THAT THE FRENCH HAD ASKED FIVE SUPPLE-  
MENTARY QUESTIONS ON SOSUS IN THE EXCHANGE IN JANUARY  
JUST PRIOR TO THE CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION. HE NOTED  
THESE QUESTIONS WERE CONTAINED IN THE PAPER SHOWN US ON  
JANUARY L7. HE ASKED IF WE CAN CONTINUE CONVERSATIONS  
ON THE ADDITIONAL POINTS. I ANSWERED THAT THE WHITE  
HOUSE WILL SERVE AS THE FOCAL POINT FOR THESE MATTERS.

54.4.GUIRINGAUD CONTINUED THAT HE NOTED THE POSITIVE  
RESPONSE TO THE TWO FRENCH QUESTIONS TO SECRETARY  
KISSINGER, THAT THE FRENCH WILL TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT  
AS WELL AS US INTERESTS IN THE MATTER RE THE LOS CON-  
FERENCE, AND THAT WE HAVE MUTUAL INTERESTS IN THIS

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MATTER. HE REVERTED TO THE OTHER 5 QUESTIONS POSED  
BY THE FRENCH IN JANUARY, AGAIN REQUESTING THAT THEY  
BE ANSWERED. I AGAIN CITED THE CENTRAL ROLE OF THE

WHITE HOUSE, AT WHICH POINT GUIRINGAUD ASKED IF WE COULD SUPPLY "WITHIN SEVERAL DAYS" THE NAME OF AN INTERLOCUTOR AT THE WHITE HOUSE. I UNDERTOOK TO TRANSMIT HIS QUESTION TO WASHINGTON.

5. FYI: TO FACILITATE THINGS, THERE FOLLOWS A REITERATION OF THE FIVE FRENCH REQUESTS POSED IN JANUARY IN ADDITION TO THE TWO CONFIRMATIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL:

A. TRANSMISSION OF MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON DETECTED SUBMARINES (CONCERNING IN PARTICULAR THE POSITION, DATE, MEANS OF DETECTION, AND CHARACTERISTICS OF DETECTION).

B. DEVELOPMENT OF A SYSTEM OF INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE BY ESTABLISHING A BILATERAL SYSTEM COMPLEMENTING THAT OF NA-TO.

C. CURRENT OR FORESEEN SOVIET DETECTION CAPABILITIES BY UNDERSEA LISTENING DEVICES.

D. METHODS OF COUNTERMEASURES (ACTIVE OR PASSIVE) OR FOR NEUTRALIZATION OF LISTENING DEVICES.

E. INFORMATION ACQUIRED BY THESE SYSTEMS  
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CONCERNING FRENCH SSBNS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: THE NAME OF A CONTACT AT THE WHITE HOUSE WITH WHOM THE FRENCH CAN TAKE UP THIS MATTER, AS REQUESTED BY GUIRINGAUD "WITHIN SEVERAL DAYS."  
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